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I. Organization.

THE Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled for its sixth session in the Woodward Avenue Church, in the city of Detroit, September 25, 1861, Bishop E. R. Ames presiding.

At 9 o'clock A. M., the Bishop took the chair, called the Conference to order, and opened its session with devotional exercises.

The secretary of the last session then called the roll of the Conference, when about 80 members responded to their names.

On nomination of W. E. Bigelow, S. Clements, Jr., was elected secretary. W. C. Way, R. S. Pardington, and T. C. Higgins, were appointed assistant secretaries.

The following standing committees were then constituted:

On Public Worship—Manasseh Hickey, Seth Reed, J. Levington, Jason W. Kellogg, and S. Clements, Jr.

Conference Stewards—R. R. Richards, Geo. Smith, A. J. Bigelow, J. S. Sutton, H. O. Parker.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Mission Auditing Committee—O. Whitmore, George Taylor, C. M. Anderson.

On Education—J. H. Burnham, W. G. Stonex, John Russell.

On Sunday Schools—J. M. Arnold, B. Cocker, A. R. Bartlett.

On Temperance—J. F. Davidson, L. H. Dean, I. W. Donelson.

On Publication of Minutes—S. Clements, Jr., Wm. C. Way, Wm. Benson.

Post Offices—S. S. Littlefield.

On Tract Cause—E. Steele, D. B. Tracy, S. Bessey.

On the State of the Country—T. C. Gardner, J. A. Baughman, F. A. Blades, W. Mothersill, W. H. Perrine.

On Statistics—D. A. Curtis, J. W. Crippin, S. L. Ramsdell.

On Parsonages—C. Mosher, R. McConnell, William Birdsall.

On Periodicals—W. Benson, S. C. Stringham, A. C. Shaw.

II. Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 1. What preachers are admitted on trial?

Answer. Charles C. Yemens, Charles L. Church, William H. Shier, George Stowe, Wesley Hagadone, Selah W. Noyes, William H. Benton, Francis West, Isaac C. Cochran, Benjamin M. Clark, Alfred F. Bourns—11.

J. B. Varnum, an elder, was re-admitted.

Question 2. Who remain on trial?

Answer. Jacob C. Wortley, William J. Clack, James H. Curnalia, John Hamilton, William J. Campbell, Oliver J. Perrin, Joseph T. Hankinson, Thos. Nichols, William J. Johnston, James Armstrong, Oliver H. P. Green—11.

Question 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer. George I. Betts, Thomas Stalker, Barton S. Taylor, Alanson Herrick, S. E. Warren, Lucius S. Tedman, Thomas G. Potter, Samuel Bird, Menzo S. Leet, Samuel P. Vandoozer—10.

Questson 4.—Who are the Deacons?

Answer. Thomas Stalker,* Barton S. Taylor, Alanson Herrick, S. E. Warren,* L. S. Tedman,* T. G. Potter,* S. Bird,* M. S. Leet,* S. P. Vandoozer, Arthur Edwards, Jr., George W. Lowe, W. M. Triggs, D. W. Hammond, R. S. Pardington, G. W. Owen, J. R. Cordon, R. H. Crane—17.

^{*}Ordained this year.

Question 5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Answer. John Wesley, James R. Noble, Elisha E. Caster, Jesse Kilpatrick, Joseph G. Kern, Theron C. Higgins, William C. Way, Benjamin Cocker, Stephen L. Ramsdell, J. H. Caster—10.

The following local preachers were ordained *Deacons*, viz.:

Charles Locke, Isaac C. Cochran, Joseph Mason, William H. Shier. John Crabbs was ordained an elder.

- QUESTION 6. Who have located this year?

 Answer. B. L. Deshelter, William Mothersill—2.
- Question 7. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

Answer. William Todd, J. E. Parker, Andrew Bell, Robert Triggs, John Gray, W. H. Perrine, James Webster, E. Steele, Jacob Dobbins—9.

Question 8. Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

Answer. Andrew J. Black.

Question 9. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

Answer. Lawrence D. Burch.

Question 10. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

Answer. Their names were all called over before the Conference, their character examined and passed.

- QUESTION 11. Who have died this year?

 Answer. None.
- QUESTION 12. What is the number of church members, etc.

 Answer. See statistical table.
- QUESTION 13. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowances on the circuits?
 - Answer. On the claims of effective preachers,\$9,112 00
 On the claims of superannuated preachers, 600 00
 On the claims of widows and orphans, 872 00
 \$10,584 00

Question 14. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER.	Fifth collection from the several charges,\$	537	15		
	From the Chartered fund,	25	00		
	From Conference collection,	83	45		
	From Parkhurst fund for widows and orphans	20	90		
	_			\$666	50

This amount has been distributed as follows:

To Rev. Wm. Todd,		
To Rev. Andrew Bell, 43 52		
To Rev. James Webster, 43 52		
To Rev. Robert Triggs,		
To Rev. John Gray,		
Mrs. Dubois, from General fund,\$70 73		
" Parkhurst fund, 4 00		
\$74.73		
Mrs. Ruark, from General fund,\$43 52		
" Parkhurst fund, 2 38		
\$45 90		
Mrs. Fox, from General fund,\$43 52		
" Parkhurst fund, 2 38		
\$45 90		
Mrs. Chaplin, from General fund, \$43 52		
" Parkhurst fund, 2 38		
\$45 90		
Mrs. Collins, from General fund,\$79 86		
" Parkhurst fund, 4 15		
\$81 01		
Mrs. Watson, from General fund,\$43 52		
" Parkhurst fund, 2 40		
Children of J. J. Whitmore, from		
General fund,\$30 60		
Parkhurst fund,		
\$33 31		
Children of R. R. Goodall, from		
General fund,\$28 21		
Parkhurst fund, 1 50		
\$29 71		
	\$665	50
Counterfeit bill,	1	00
-		_
	\$666	50
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Question 15. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

M. HICKEY, P. E.

Woodward Ave.—John M. Arnold.
Congress Street—O. Sanborn.
Lafayette Street—Seth Reed.
Walnut Street—J. W. Kellogg.
Trenton—S. L. Ramsdell.
Wyandotte—John Levington.
Lee Chapel—T. Stalker.
Flat Rock—T. Wakelin.
Wayne—B. H. Hedger, C. L. Church.

Belleville and Sheldon—R. C. Crane. Plymouth—W. C. Way. Pontiac—S. Clements, Jr. Birmingham—S. E. Warren. Farmington—E. R. Hascall. Southfield—Charles C. Yemens. Northville—H. N. Brown. Commerce—T. C. Higgins.

D. C. Jacokes, Chaplain in the Army, and Member of Lafayette St. Quarterly Conference.

F. W. May, Chaplain in the Λrmy, and Member of Congress Street Quarterly Conference.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

E. H. PILCHER, P. E.

Ann Arbor—F. A. Blades.
Dixboro—R. R. Richards.
Ypsilanti—B. Cocker.
Augusta—J. J. Gridley.
Oakville—G. W. Owen.
Unadilla—William H. Shier.
Henrietta—S. P. Vandoozer, George
Stowe.
South Lyon—To be supplied, A. F.
Bourns.

Milford—George Taylor.

New Hudson—William Tuttle.

Brighton—J. O. Bancroft.

Pinckney—J. S. Sutton.

Dexter—J. Blanchard.

Lima—R. McConnell.

Chelsea—C. M. Anderson.

Saline—J. F. Davidson.

Grass Lake—S. P. Warner.

North Lake—S. C. Stringham.

T. C. Gardner, Agent American Bible Society, and Member of Ypsilanti Quarterly Conference.

D. B. Tracy, Chaplain in the Army, and Member of Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference.

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

GEORGE SMITH, P. E.

Adrian—J. A. Baughman.
Tecumseh—A. R. Bartlett.
Clinton—S. S. Littlefield.
Manchester—W. Donnelly.
Napoleon—C. Mosher.
Franklin—W. Q. Burnett.
Rome—S. W. Noyes, O. J. Perrin.
Hudson—John H. Burnham.
Medina—E. H. Brockway.

Morenci—J. G. Whitcomb.
Fairfield—To be supplied.
Palmyra and Blissfield — D. W.
Hammond.
Petersburg—W. G. Stonex.
Bedford—J. W. Holt.
Monroe—L. C. York.
Dundee—D. A. Curtis.
Ridgeway—John Wesley.

OWOSSO DISTRICT.

F. W. WARREN, P. E.

Owosso-E. E. Caster.

Corunna-I. W. Donelson.

Bennington-E. B. Prindle.

Middlebury—J. B. Russell.

Perry-J. Kilpatrick.

Byron-W. M. Triggs.

Oak Grove-S. P. Lee.

Fentonville-P. O. Johnson.

Hartland—O. H. P. Green, W. H. Benton.

Howell—L. H. Dean.

Fowlerville-J. Armstrong.

Ingham-J. H. Caster.

Williamston-F. Brittan.

New Haven-J. H. Curnalia.

Chessening-J. T. Hankinson.

FLINT DISTRICT.

J. S. SMART, P. E.

Court Street-T. J. Joslin.

Garland Street-Isaac Crawford.

South Flint-H. Hood.

Flushing-R. H. Crane.

Genesee-G. N. Belknap.

East Saginaw-H. O. Parker.

Saginaw City—R. S. Pardington.

Midland-M. S. Leet.

Bay City—J. C. Wortley.

Tuscola-W. Birdsall.

Watrousville-J. Hamilton.

Forest-L. S. Tedman, F. West.

Hadley-A. Herrick.

Goodrich-J. W. Crippin.

Clarkston-J. B. Varnum.

Holly-I. C. Cochran.

Grand Blanc-T. Seelye.

A. Edwards, Jr., Chaplain in the Army, and Member of Saginaw City Quarterly Conference.

ROMEO DISTRICT.

JOHN RUSSELL, P. E.

Romeo-S. Calkins.

Mt. Clemens-Wm. Taylor.

Utica-B. F. Pritchard.

Stony Creek-A. Gee.

Washington-J. R. Noble.

Oakland-A. Minnis.

Oxford-A. Allen.

Lapeer-W. M. Heavner.

North Branch-W. J. Johnston.

Almont-S. Bessey.

Dryden-L. Mitchell.

Armada—B. M. Clark, Wesley Haga-

done.

New Baltimore—John Pugh.

William Mahon, Chaplain in the Army, and Member of Romeo Quarterly Conference.

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

W. E. BIGELOW, P. E.

Port Huron-O. Whitmore.

Vicksburg-S. Bird.

St. Clair-A. J. Bigelow.

Newport-H. Carlton.

Algonac - William Benson.

Columbus—I. H. Camburn.

Memphis-A. C. Shaw.

Brockway-Thomas Nichols.

Ruby-T. G. Potter.

Lakeport—J. G. Kern.

Lexington-B. S. Taylor.

Port Sanilac and Forester-G. W.

Lowe.

Sand Beach—W. J. Clack.

Willow Creek-W. J. Campbell.

Harrisville-Robert Johnson.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

ROBERT BIRD, P. E.

Mackinaw City—To be supplied. Saut Ste. Marie—To be supplied. Iroquois Point and Sugar Island—To

be supplied.

Marquette—To be supplied.

Kewawenon—S. P. Murch. Houghton—William Fox.

Copper Harbor—To be supplied.

Clifton—E. Klumph.

Ontonagon and Maple Grove—J. R. Cordon.

Minnesota Mine-G. I. Betts.

Bay DeNoquette-To be supplied.

Hancock-To be supplied.

Oneota, Superior City and Bayfield— To be supplied.

Peter Marksman transferred to the Michigan Conference. William C. Shaw transferred to the Minnesota Conference.

Question 16. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER. Ann Arbor.

The Conference, by resolution, requested that the time of the next session be one week earlier than this year.

III. Course of Study and Committees of Examination.

I. FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

English Grammar, Modern Geography, True's Logic, Newman's Rhetoric. Committee.—T. C. Gardner, J. M. Arnold, R. R. Richards.

2. FOR MEMBERSHIP AND ORDERS.

FIRST YEAR.

Bible, as to doctrines; Watson's Institutes, first part; Wesley's Christian Perfection; Fletcher's Appeal; Clark's Mental Discipline; Essay or Sermon. Committee. —T. J. Joslin, B. F. Pritchard, Wm. Benson, J. S. Sutton.

SECOND YEAR.

Bible, as to Sacraments; Watson's Institutes, second part; Fletcher's Christian Perfection; Strickland's Manual of Biblical Literature; Methodist Discipline; Mitchell's Ancient Geography; Essay, or Sermon Committee.—O. Whitmore, T. Wakeliu, H. Hood, William Donnelly.

THIRD YEAR.

Bible, as to Chronology; Watson's Institutes, third part; Butler's Analogy; Peck's Rule of Faith; Hibbard on Baptism; Ruter's Church History; Blair's Lectures on Rhetoric; Hedge's Logic; Essay, or Sermon.

Committee. J. Russell, A. J. Bigelow, P. O. Johnson, E. R. Hascall.

FOURTH YEAR.

Review of the whole course; Watson's Institutes, fourth part; Claude's Essay; Horne's Introduction, (abridged;) Stewart's Mental Philosophy; Essay or Sermon.

Committee .- J. Blanchard, A. R. Bartlett, Wm. Taylor, A. Allen.

3. LOCAL PREACHERS.

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

Bible, as to Doctrines and Sacraments; Watson's Institutes, parts first and second; Wesley's Christian Perfection; Fletcher's Appeal; Methodist Discipline; English Grammar; Modern Geography.

Committee .- J. A. Baughman, L. H. Dean, B. H. Hedger.

FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

Review of previous course; Bible, as to History; Watson's Institutes, parts third and fourth; Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—Seth Reed, I. W. Donelson, R. McConnell.

IV. Missionary.

Conference Missionary Society.

President—J. BLANCHARD. Secretary—S. P. WARNER.

Vice-President—THOS. SEELYE. Treasurer—L. C. YORK.

Managers:

J. M. ARNOLD. WM. BENSON. C. M. ANDERSON.
ISAAC CRAWFORD.

GEORGE TAYLOR. L. H. DEAN.

To preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, Benj. Cocker. Alternate, A. J. Bigelow.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

DETROIT CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY in acc't with L. C. York, Treasurer:

Credited by amount received from Detroit District, \$807 29. Woodward Avenue—S. Reed, \$221.24.

Fifty dollars of the above was paid by the Sunday School. Mrs. Jane Owen to be constituted a life member of the Parent Society. Miss C. Gertrude Fowler, Miss E. A. Morse, Miss Alice M. Seeley, Miss Julia A. Knowlton, Miss Amanda Pond, Joseph Woodhull, J. P. Gillmore, and John Smith, to be constituted life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Congress Street—John Levington, \$16.58. Collected in Sunday School \$10.50; public collection, \$6.08.

Walnut Street—John Levington, \$10.78. Miss Esther Willetts and Miss Jane Levington collected \$4.95; Miss Ellen Luscomb collected \$3.35; public collection, \$2.48.

Trenton—Wm. Benson, \$43.00. Inez Ransom to be made life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Lee Chapel-J. W. Kellogg, \$20,22.

Flat Rock—Thos. Wakelin, \$40.00. Walter H. Wallace and Michael J. Vreeland to be constituted life members of the Parent Missionary Society.

Plymouth—W. C. Way, \$26.34. Collected by Miss Hellen Gear, \$10; \$5.30 by Miss Henrietta Hart and Miss Helen Scattergood; \$1.63 by Miss Martha J. Mason; \$2.75 by Mrs. Abigail Olds and Mrs. Sarah F. Durfee; \$2.00 contributed by Mrs. Harriett Harrold, to be applied for foreign missions; \$3.28 from Plymouth village Sunday School. Miss Hellen Gear and Miss Ella Scattergood to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Wayne—Geo. Smith, \$42.44. Collected by Elizabeth Doolittle, \$3.00; Rebecca Van Allen, \$1.70; Amanda Deamud, \$2.75; Juvenile Missionary Society, H. Barnard, \$1.06; Julia Hammond, \$2.25; public collection, \$6.16.

Nankin-Ellen Walker, \$6,47; Mary A. Rounds, \$6.63.

Romulus-Julia E. Pullen, \$7.50; Elizabeth Downing, \$2.50.

Dearborn—Public collection, \$2.32. Miss Julia Hammond, Miss Ellen Walker, Miss Elizabeth Doolittle, and David Pullen, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Belleville—R. R. Richards, \$159.92. 1 box goods from Denton Mills class, \$64.23; 1 box goods from Belleville class, \$30.00. Mrs Sally Featherly, Mrs. Sarah J. Moon, Mrs. Abigail Bush, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Pontiac—John Russell, \$32.66. Mrs. Mary J. Russell, \$15.25; Miss C. A. McDonald, \$5.85; Miss A. C. Furney, \$2.45; Sunday School collection, \$9.11. Rev. J. Russell, Miss C. A. McDonald, and Miss Mary J. Russell, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Birmingham—B. H. Hedger, \$40.00. Sarah E. Hall. \$10.00; Miss Sarah A. Wood, \$10.00; Birmingham Sunday School Missionary Society, \$10.00; Missionary Basket, \$10.00. Rev. B. H. Hedger, Mr. J. G. Johnson, Mrs. Sarah E. Hall, and Miss Sarah A. Wood, to be made life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Farmington—R. C. Crane, \$90.28. Miss Helen R. Kinne, \$10.00; Miss Emily P. Johnson, \$10.75; Miss Rosa Scott, \$8.50; Miss Mary E. Clisbe, \$10.03; Mrs. E. Cone, \$4.50; Master Wm. L. Winslow, \$3.80; Miss Isabella F. Coonley, \$2.62; Miss Marietta Horton, \$14.00; Laura A. Beach, \$11.00; Theressa Teter, \$3.07; Mrs. Lucy Hazard, \$1.50; Farmington Sunday School, \$3.51; public collection, \$7.00. Miss Hellen R. Kinne, Miss Emily P. Johnson, Miss Rosa Scott, Miss Mary E. Clisbe, Miss Marietta Horton, Miss Laura A. Beach, Miss Theressa Teter, and Miss E. Cone, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Northville—E. R. Hascall, \$23.16. Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker and Miss Martha Hathaway, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society. Commerce—Thomas Stalker, \$40.67.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT, \$606.26.

Ann Arbor-F. A. Blades, \$35.00.

Dixboro—George Taylor, \$13.42. Collected by Miss Jane Ingles and Mary Hiscock. Jas. Fair to be made life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Ypsilanti-Benjamin Cocker, \$102.61.

Augusta—T. C. Higgins, \$31.00. Public collection, \$6.18; Miss Zilpha Shipman, \$12.41; Mrs. Emma Reynolds, \$12.41. The above ladies to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Oakville-J. J. Gridley, \$8.00.

Unadilla—C. M. Anderson, \$20.00. Miss Mary McIntyre and Miss Louise Ives to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Henrictta-S. P. Vandoozer, \$13.36. Mrs. Parilla Brown to be made life

member of Conference Missionary Society.

South Lyon—Wm. Birdsall, \$88.01. Miss Eliza A. Dwelle \$20, to make Isabella Smith life member of the Parent Missionary Society; Miss Mary Winter, \$10; Miss Ellen Hornbeck, \$10.00; Miss Harriet C. Calkins, \$10; Mrs. Caroline Hudson, \$10; Mrs Elizabeth Brundage, \$10; Mrs. Mahala Smith, \$10. All of whom are to be made life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Milford-J. S. Sutton, \$33.00. Miss Esther A. Ogden, Mary J. Openo, Margaret S. Gamble, to be made life members of Conference Missionary

Society.

Brighton-George Foote, \$18.50.

Pinckney—Ira W. Donelson, \$19.60. M. A. Rogers, \$2.00; Hulda Lakin, \$8.25; Thos. Gilk's Sunday School, Rachael Brown, \$2.94; Sarah Brown, \$4.03; Pinckney Sunday School, Amelia Hicks, \$2.08. Mrs. Hulda Lakin to be made life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Dexter—J. M. Arnold, \$50.00. Remitted to Chicago, \$10; Hortense Tozer, \$12.50; Mrs. Rebecca Alexander, \$16.45; Miss Alice Sill, \$12.50; miscellaneous, \$8.50. Mrs. Rebecca Alexander, Miss Hortense Tozer, Miss Alice Sill, Master Geo. Peatt and Kittie Alexander, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Chelsea-Oren Whitmore, \$114.50.

Saline—J. F. Davidson, \$26.00. L. F. Haight to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Grass Lake—P. O. Johnson, \$25.66.. North Lake—D. C. Woodard, \$7.50.

ADRIAN DISTRICT, \$627.44.

Adrian—George I. Betts, \$118.25.

Tecumsch-A. R. Bartlet, \$10.00.

Manchester—Wm. Donnelly, \$116.92. Miss Sally Rowe, \$21.13; Miss Nettie Williams, \$23; Miss Sarah Jones, \$16.66; Miss Sarah A. Underhill, \$31.08; Miss Harriet Wheeler, \$5.75; Miss Carrie Owen, \$10,50; Miss Lucelia Hudson, \$8.80. Miss Sally Rowe, Miss Nettie Williams, Miss Sarah Jones and Miss Carrie Owen, to be made life members of Parent Society. Miss Sarah A. Underhill, Miss Harriet Wheeler, and Miss Lucelia Hudson, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Napoleon-Curtis Mosher, \$11.00.

Franklin—S. S. Littlefield, \$23.28. Miss Sarah J. Stout, \$7.75; Miss Melissa Camburn, \$1.25; Miss Martha J. Smith, \$8.85; Miss Julia Daniels, \$2.43; Miss Rosina C. Kingston, \$3.00. Miss Sarah J. Stout and Martha J. Smith to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Rome—E. H. Brockway, \$76.55. Sent to Chicago \$10. Mrs. Fidelia S. Brockway and Miss Nemie A. Rhodes to be made life members of Parent Missionary Society. Miss Philura H. Wing, Miss Anna E. Flint, and Mrs. Sarah T. Palmer, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Hudson—J. A. Baughman, \$66.15. Sent to Chicago, \$10; public collection, \$8.75; Mrs. Emily Russell, \$5.50; Mrs. Lucinda Rhodes, \$13.75; Miss Ellen Bush, \$3.90; John Hask, \$2.00; Margaret Hask, \$1.00; L. L. Brown, \$2.00; Mrs. Rachael Brown, \$1.00; Rev. L. Fairbank, \$2.00; Capt. Samuel DeGolyer, \$2.00; W. W. Gillett, \$1.00; H. G. Patterson, \$1.00; Noah Brown, \$2.00; Wm. Brown, \$1.00; H. W. Vanakin, \$1.00; Mrs. H. P. Brown, \$1.00; J. A. Baughman, \$2.00. Eliza M. Rhodes to be made life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Medina-D. A. Curtis, \$25.00.

Morenei-J. G. Whitcomb, \$30.00. Miss Amanda Goss, Miss Lucy Wilson, Miss Ada Dood, to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Palmyra and Blissfield—Wm. Q. Burnett, \$33.08. Miss Sarah H. Harvey, \$10.50; Mrs. Abigail Pierce, \$5.09; Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, \$5.35; Mrs. Maria Corbit, \$2.25; Miss Nancy Clark, \$2.75; Mrs. Stearns, \$2.88; Mrs. Goodrich, \$4.37.

Bedford—J. W. Holt, \$27.25. Miss Almira McFetridge and Rev. S. G. Seely to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Monroe-J. H. Burnham, \$6.25.

Dundee-Geo. W. Lowe, \$7.71.

Ridgeway-John Wesley, \$76.00.

OWOSSO DISTRICT, \$155.37.

Owosso-E. E. Castor, \$2.50.

Corunna-A. J. Bigelow, \$1.10.

Middlebury—Wm. M. Triggs, \$10.00. Rev. Wm. M. Triggs to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Perry—Jesse Kilpatrick, \$10.00. Sarah A. Howard to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Byron and Newburgh—James Armstrong, \$19.45. Rev. James Armstrong to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Oak Grove—Flaval Brittan, \$22.87. Sent to Chicago \$10; Sunday School Missionary Society, \$4.20; Miss Mary Randall, \$3.56; Mary E. Wolcott, \$2.27; Harriett Pomeroy, \$1.00.

Linden-Richard McConnell, \$5.00.

Fentonville—Wm. Taylor, \$18.72. Caroline Cole, \$7.30; Mrs. Harriet Flint, \$7.42; Sunday School Missionary Society, \$4.00. Mrs. Harriet Flint to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Hartland-O. H. P. Green, \$1.38.

Howell-L. H. Dean, \$40.00. Emily Boothby and A. C. Brown to be made life members of Parent Society.

Fowlerville—J. H. Caster, \$17.00. Eliza Pearson and Alice Denio, \$6.74; Sunday School, \$1.36.

Ingham-Elias B. Prindle, \$6.35.

New Haven-S. Wilkinson, \$1.00.

FLINT DISTRICT, \$243.08.

Flint-T. J. Joslyn, \$54.00.

South Flint—Hiram Hood, \$27.50. Mrs. Orissa Torrey to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Flushing-Isaac Crawford, \$13.07.

Genesee-R. H. Crane. \$4.00.

East Saginaw-H. N. Brown, \$5.02.

Bay City—J. C. Wortley, \$11.20. Mrs. J. C. Wortley to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Tuscola and Watrousville—J. O. Bancroft, \$22,00. Wm. Fenner, \$10.00; J. O. Bancroft, \$10.00. Wm. Fenner and E. B. Bancroft to be made life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Hadley-Wm. Mothersill, \$14.87.

Goodrich-Willam Maskill, \$8.15.

Clarkston-G. N. Belknap, \$9.18.

Holly-J. W. Crippen, \$10.00.

Grand Blanc—Thos. Seeley, \$63.09. Mary J. Turner, \$6.05; Elizabeth Abbott. \$4.55; Mrs. C. F. Van Tyle, \$15.62; Miss A. A. Phillips, \$15.77; Miss Mary F. Lum. \$10.50; Ellen Hurd. \$2.12; Hamet Moorehouse, \$2.07; Malinda Butts, \$2.75; public collection, \$3.66.

ROMEO DISTRICT, \$176.90.

Romeo-Wm. Mahon, \$37.00. \$22 was applied on the district.

Mt. Clemens-Alfred Allen, \$1.95.

Utica-B. F. Pritchard, \$7.00.

Washington—E. Steele, \$37.12. Sent to New York \$3.00. Miss Julia B. Manlz to be made a member of Conference Missionary Society.

Oakland-J. R. Noble, \$11.39. Miss S. Hains, Lakeville, \$5.00.

Oxford—Samuel Bessey, \$15.63. Hannah M. Austin to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Lapeer-Wm. M. Heavner, \$29.60. Paid to Lathropville Mission, \$28.50.

Almont-Adam Minnis, \$10.05.

Dryden—Alexander Gee, \$10.00. Miss Anna M. Randolph to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Armala—Jacob Dobbins, \$12.00. Abigail Rowley, \$6.13; Ella Cowles, \$3.38; public collection, \$2.29. Miss Abigail Rowley to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Chesterfield-S. E. Warren, \$5.25.

PORT HURON DISTRICT, \$141.84.

Port. Huron-S. Clements, Jr., \$14.61.

Vicksburgh—S. Bird, \$20.00. Jane Gorey and Lucy Beach to be made members of Conference Missionary Society.

St. Clair-S. P. Warner, \$10.25.

Newport-R. S. Pardington, \$10.00. \$5 applied at home.

Algonac—Orlando Sanborn, \$11.50. Miss Lucy Jackson to be made a life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Memphis-I. H. Camburn, \$1.00.

Ruby-J. G. Kern, \$3.00.

Lakeport-Wm. Tuttle, \$13.00.

Lexington-T. G. Potter, \$3.28.

Davisville-Wm. J. Clack, \$10.00.

Port Sanilac and Forrester-J. R. Cordon, \$30.00.

Willow Creek-Wm. J. Campbell, \$15.20.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT, \$16.00.

Minnesota Mine—H. O. Parker, \$12.00. Clifton—Erastus Klumph, \$4.00.

A friend at Brandon, \$10.00. J. Blanchard \$10, to make Lelia J. Bartlett a life member of Conference Missionary Society. J. S. H. Blanchard, \$2.00. Conference collection, \$100.67.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Detroit District, Cash,		-						\$610 32		
Money and goods applied,			-		-		-	196 97	# 000	20
Ann Arbor District, Cash, .					-			\$596 26	\$807	29
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Adrian District, Cash,								\$607 44		
Money and goods applied,	-		-		-			20 00		
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Owosso District, Cash,		-		-		-		\$145 37		
Money and goods applied,	-		-		-		•	10 00	155	27
Flint District, Cash,								\$243 08	100	31
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Romeo District, Cash,	-							\$123 40		
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Port Huron District, Cash,	-		-		-		•	\$136 84		,
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By cash from Appointments,							-		\$2478	71
Money and goods applied,								_	295	47
Conference Missionary coll	ection	n.							121	49
Refunded by R. Bird,	.000101	,	_						24	88
W. G. Stonex, ex-treasurer	•	•	-	•		•		-	49	25
Sundry other sources,	,	٠	•		-		-		26	00
Sundry other sources,									\$2,995	80
	AGGI	REGAT	E DI	EBIT.						
To Parent Society -									\$2,527	68
Missionary draft, .			4						55	00
Publication of minutes,		_							50	00
Exchange and worthless bills,			_					-	41	28
Money and goods applied,			_				-		295	47
Notes and cash in treasury,								-	26	37
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L. C. YORK, Treasurer.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1861.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

To Lafayette Street,	\$200 00
"Walnut Street,	100 00
Wallut Street,	\$300 00
OWOSSO DISTRICT.	
To Presiding Elder,	\$100 00
" Owosso, -	70 00
" Chessening,	50 00
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FLINT DISTRICT.	
To Bay City,	\$100 00
" Midland, -	50 00
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PORT HURON DISTRICT.	
To Presiding Elder,	\$150 00
" Port Sanilac and Forrester,	40 00
" Sand Beach,	40 00
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LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.	
To Presiding Elder,	\$500 00
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INDIAN MISSIONS.

To	Kewawenon,	Missionary,		-	-	-		\$350	00		
"	6.6	Interpreter,	-	-	-		-	50	00		
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	Total to	Missions in	the C	Conferen	ce,	-		-	_	\$1,900	00
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	Excess	of collections	over	Approp	riatio	ns,		-		\$1,095	80

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders, having missionary work, and all Missionaries be requested to make a detailed report to this Conference, in writing, of the property, income, and expenses of the missions under their charge.

Resolved, That the Mission Auditing Committee consist of three members, who shall severally be elected for one, two and three years, and that one shall be hereafter elected annually, whose term of office shall be for three years.

HENRY N. Brown was elected for one year. William Benson was elected for two years. F. A. Blades was elected for three years.

V. Educational.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, REV. GEORGE SMITH.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

President—J. BLANCHARD. Secretary—J. W. KELLOGG. Vice President—T. J. JOSLIN. Treasurer—J. O. BANCROFT.

MANAGERS:

T. Seeley, A. Minnis, J. B. Russell, W. C. Way, J. G. Whitcomb, R. Johnson.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Detroit District—Rev. S. Reed, D. Preston.

Ann Arbor District—Rev. B. Cooker, A. J. Sutherland.

Adrian District—Rev. J. A. Baughman, J. Jordon.

Owosso District—Rev. L. H. Dean, I. Gale.

Flint District—Rev. T. J. Joslin, W. Patterson.

Romeo District—Rev. B. F. Pritchard, A. Shelp.

Port Huron District—Rev. Wm. Benson, H. Fish.

Lake Superior District—Rev. G. I. Betts, A. Campbell.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

THE relation of the Sabbath School to the growth and efficiency of the church is too obvious to require argument. Still it is evident that the responsibility in behalf of the young is not justly estimated or properly felt in the church at large. The soul-stirring motives which prompt to this work are not thoroughly embraced, nor the facilities which exist for its prosecution, properly appreciated, nor has the church properly weighed the terrible alternative which must be accepted, if the christian instruction of the young is neglected. child is not far from the kingdom of God. He is born into the allembracing atmosphere of divine love, and receives the Holy Ghost ere he is capable of faith. He is by virtue of the atonement a member of the church, and entitled to its fostering care. But, in the midst of this paradise of childhood, stands the tree of "the knowledge of good and evil," of the fruit of which he will partake; temptation must be encountered, and the native depravity of the heart is quickly stimulated into a growth of sinful habits. The only safeguards of this critical period of our being, are affectionate christian instruction, example, and authority. The social element, pervading the Sabbath School, renders it an indispensable ally of parental nurture, and adapts it to the multitudes who are destitute of parental instruction.

To this work we ought, then, as pastors, to direct our earnest efforts. Nothing that money, labor or prayers can add to make the Sabbath School a living and efficient institution, should be withheld. The early conversion of children should be a primary aim in our ministry; and a nucleus of juvenile christians should be secured in every church, and maintained with prayerful solicitude. No pastor is excusable in neglecting his Sabbath School, nor can he innocently relinquish to others all supervision of it. He is the pastor of the Sabbath School as of the church, and owes to all its members, both adults and juveniles, his pastoral relations. We are deficient as a denomination in Sabbath School enterprise. The system of the church is adapted and qualified to prosecute this work with efficiency. Yet, such is our remissness that many of our schools are in operation only about one half the year. Some are managed with no expenditure, and most with no effort to qualify the teachers for their work. Little effort is made to organize mission schools, and even many of

our regular appointments are destitute of any. This is not disciplinary, it is not politic, it is not evangelical. In referring to these facts, we intend no disparagement, for we are doing a great work, and no denomination can approach us; yet more is due to God and posterity, and we must hold and cultivate this vast field into which Providence has thrust us. The committee would recommend, for the interest of our schools, the formation of adult and infant classes, stated teachers' meetings whenever it is practicable, a supply of new and appropriate music, and the co-operation of the pastor in the management of the school.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Bible Classes.	Scholars fn Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday Schools	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
DETROIT DISTRICT	44	449	2,295	7,810	22	257	\$443 37	\$441 74	754	27
ANN ARBOR DISTRICT	34	317	1,504	4,740	24	148	377 80	16 00	710	38
Adrian District	48	483	2,056	6,176	31	138	274 42	. 10 05	611	54
Owosso Distict	46	329	1,299	3,528	18	67	141 66	11 52	394	8
FLINT DISTRICT	46	461	1,506	6,979	24	35	215 05	22 83	632	14
Romeo District	34	347	1,414	3,798	13	62	93 76	10 05	371	3
PORT HURON DISTRICT	63	478	2,416	6,530	30	284	232 88	2 04	454	31
LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT	6	90	595	1,421	11	2	83 00		145	3
SUPERIOR CITY DISTRICT	1	4	50	100					55	
Total	322	2,963	13,135	41,082	173	993	\$1,861 94	\$514 28	4,126	148
Last Year	316	2,661	13,557	41,164	153	1,129	1,642 19	63 93	3,242	214
Increase	6	302			15		19 75	445 30	884	
Decrease			322	82		136				66

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

THE Committee on Education submit to the Detroit Conference the following Report:

It is well known to the public in general, that in the cause of education, we, as a denomination, take the most lively interest. We have often, in one form or another, avowed to the people at large, that to entertain an indifference on this subject, is to be recreant to the

weighty obligations which are, of necessity, imposed upon us. A people devoid of education can never stand before the world as a free and prosperous people. Rebellion to wholesome authority, and disregard for human and divine laws, are invariably their characteristics; and it is a cause of great gratification to us, that our own State is taxing her resources, in no small degree, to advance the educational interests of all within her borders.

The Committee on Education of last year, in their report to this body, gave an elaborate account of the character and prosperity of the several classes of institutions of learning in this State. We deem it inexpedient to reiterate what was then stated, and we only add, that our State University, Agricultural College, Normal and Union Schools, continue to secure our undiminished confidence, and to excite our admiration.

The enterprise of Misses A. C. and Delia Rogers, in establishing a female college at Lansing, is worthy of note. Considering the fact. that the State has made great provision for bestowing a liberal edu cation on the sons, these ladies are solicitous for bestowing upon the daughters corresponding educational advantages. And they assure the public, that "every possible effort will be made to secure the most competent instructors, and to raise the standard of scholarship. while at the same time no pains will be spared to surround the members of the institution with all the advantages of a refined and elegant home, where the taste will be cultivated, and the moral sentiments and affections developed, and trained in harmony with the development and training of the intellect." From our personal acquaintance with these ladies, we are free to state, that the promises thus made by them will be fully redeemed. We, therefore, confidently anticipate, that the "Michigan Female College" will rank equal to any institution of the same grade in the State. It has, therefore, strong claims upon the public for patronage.

It affords your committee great pleasure to be able to state, that increasing prosperity attends the "Albion College." No less than four hundred students have been gathering within its walls. The efficient and indefatigable faculty fully comprehend the great responsibility attaching to their position, and they are solicitous to acquit themselves nobly before God and their country. In the performance of their labors, they have a claim upon our confidence and sympathy, and these we unhesitatingly extend to them.

We are informed, that several additions have been made to the institution during the last year. A suite of rooms has been fitted

up for the Preceptress, with a reception hall, furnished in an elegant and tasteful style. To the musical department there has been added a new piano. A new American air pump has been procured for the department of Natural Science. The library also has received a few additions. The cabinet of minerals has likewise been enlarged by a deposit and loan of specimens, by Rev. E. H. Day. The committee desire to call the attention of the members of this Conference to the fact, that any donations of volumes or minerals that may be given to the college will be gladly received. If those among us, who have collections of such specimens, do not feel free to donate them to the institution, they would confer a favor by placing them on deposit. The gratification afforded to our brethren from studying or exhibiting the specimens at their own homes, would certainly be no less, when they were assured, that by depositing them in the college they were increasing the knowledge, not of a few only, but of hundreds. It is hoped, that the liberality thus far manifested for the enlargement of the library and cabinet, will not by any means abate, but rather abundantly increase.

It is with great pleasure that we can speak of the "Albion College" as an honor to ourselves and an ornament to the State. So far from having misgivings of its future history, we look forward with feelings of exultation, and are confident, that with the continued favor of Divine Providence, it will exert an influence for good upon thousands of the sons and daughters of our noble commonwealth, and through these, on the entire wide-spread west.

It must not, however, be forgotten, that its present and future prosperity depend very much on the continued co-operation of our ministers and munificence of our members; and judging from the past, we have no reason whatever to surmise, that these sources of influence will be withdrawn.

As the term of office of Rev. W. E. Bigelow and C. B. Fisk, as trustees of this institution, has expired, the committee would recommend as their successors, Rev. S. Clements, Jr. and Mr. David Preston.

The committee are gratified in being able to state, that with regard to the North-Western University, a constant and increasing patronage has been extended to it, from its first opening to the present time. We are assured that its finances are in a healthy condition, and that its indebtedness is entirely provided for. Its existence has been only of few years, and yet the fact of its now having an annual income of nearly five thousand dollars, attests the perma-

nency of its basis and the vigor of its growth. The favorable consideration of this Conference, to this important educational interest, is earnestly solicited.

Your committee recommend, that this Conference appoint three visitors to the "Michigan Female College" at Lansing, and five to the "Albion College."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BURNHAM, W. G. STONEX, JOHN RUSSELL,

DETROIT, September 30, 1861.

Trustees of Albion College elected this year:

REV. S. CLEMENTS, JR. DAVID PRESTON, Esq.

Trustees of the North-Western University:

REV. T. C. GARDNER, for two years. REV. S. REED, for one year.

Visitors to Albion College:

REVS. JOHN RUSSELL, B. COCKER, J. BLANCHARD, S. CALKINS, and G. O. RODINSON, Eq.

Visitors to Michigan Female College:

PROF. ALEX. WINCHELL, REVS. J. S. SMART, and F. A. BLADES.

VI. Financial.

Conference Plan of Finance.

OF ALLOWANCES.

The estimating committee provided for in the Discipline (page 55,) shall meet on the third Friday after the close of each session of the Annual Conference, at 2 o'clock P. M., at a place designated by the last Quarterly Conference of the preceding year, and estimate the amount necessary to support the preachers, as required by the Discipline.

The stewards and leaders shall meet at the same time and place, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and apportion the amount to be raised to the different classes on the charge. The estimate and apportionment shall be submitted to the Quarterly Conference, next ensuing, for approval or amendment.

The Quarterly Conference shall then district the charge, assigning to the several stewards particular districts. The steward, or stewards, of each district, in connection with the class leaders of the same, shall apportion the amount assigned to their district among the several members of the church within its bounds, and shall see, or cause to be seen, as soon as practicable, each member, and obtain his or her consent to such apportionment, or such part of it as he or she may be willing to pay, and to circulate a subscription among those who are not members of the church.

OF COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Leader's meetings shall be held in all our charges, circuits as well as stations, where it is at all practicable; and the amounts which have been collected by the stewards and leaders, shall be paid over to a treasurer chosen by the leader's meeting. The amounts so collected shall be paid, in liquidation of the preacher's claim, in the following order: First, traveling expenses; second, house rent; third, quarterly allowance.

In case no leader's meetings are held, the duties herein devolved on such meetings shall be performed by the Quarterly Conference.

REPORTS TO QUARTELLY CONFERENCE, LOVE TEASTS, AND CLASSES.

The amounts paid by the several classes shall be reported to the Quarterly Conference each quarter, and the reports properly entered in the steward's book, under the direction of the presiding elders. Each steward shall be responsible to the Quarterly Conference for proper efforts to collect funds within his district.

The amounts paid by each class, the deficiency, if any, and the cause of such deficiency, if known, shall be reported to the church in Love Feast each quarter.

The stewards shall see that a report of the amount expected from each member, the amount paid, and the deficiency, be made in each class at least once in each year, when each member, who is deficient, shall have the privilege of explaining the cause of his deficiency.

OF PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIMS.

The board of district stewards shall apportion the claims of the presiding elders among the several charges of the district, according to their several ability, and the amount they usually pay their pastors, taking into account any peculiarities in the circumstances of any charge for the time being.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

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Congress Street	F. W. Way.	1000 00			61 31
Lafayette Street	D. C. Jacokes	1000 00			
Wainut Street	J. Levington	549 00			
Trenton	Wm. Benson	550 00			6 00
Lee Chapel	J. W. Kellogg	540 00	540 80	1	9 10
Flat Rock	T. Wakelin	500 00	500 00		6 00
Wayne	Geo. Smith	600 00			6 40
Belleville & Sheldon	R. R. Richards	500 00	1		9 96
Plymouth	W. C. Way	550 00			10 37
Pontiac	John Russell B. H. Hedger	850 00			7 30 10 27
Farmington	R. C. Crane	550 00 550 00		1	8 82
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Northville	E. R. Hascall	550 00		T	4 48
Commerce	Thos. Stalker	375 00	1		6 50
	Total	\$11439 00		\$1746 00	
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ANN ARBOR DISTRICT		750 00			
Ann Arbor	Geo. Taylor	950 00 525 00		1	11 00 5 00
Ypsilanti	B. Cocker	850 00	1		13 55
Augusta	T. C. Higgins	445 00			10 00
Oakville	J. J. Gridley	475 00		1	6 22
Unadilla	C. M. Anderson	446 00	388 00	58 00	12 00
Henrietta	S. P. Vandoozer	380 90	380 00		5 50
South Lyon	W. Birdsall	510 00			6 45
Milford	J. S. Sutton	472 00			11 00
New Hudson	Supply	65 00			υ 11
Brighton	George Foot I. W. Donelson	$\frac{400\ 00}{475\ 00}$		80 00	8 33 4 00
Pinckney Dexter	J. M. Arnold	675 00		20 00	7 25
Chelsea	O. Whitmore	625 00	1		3 00
"	S. L. Ramsdell	275 00	1		
Saline	J. F. Davidson	700 00			7 00
Grass Lake	P. O. Johnson	605 00	605 00		8 50
North Lake	D. C. Woodard	275 00		62 00	
Bible Agent	T. C. Gardner	1000 00			
	Total	\$10898 00	\$10539 00	\$359 00	108 80
ADRIAN DISTRICT	J. Blanchard, P. E.	700 00	670 00	30 00	
Adrian	G. I. Betts	830 00			22 00
Tecumseh	A. R. Bartlett				
Clinton	S. C. Stringham	552 00		1	
Manchester	W. Donnelly	644 00			11 62
Napoleon	C. Mesher	500 00			6 07
Franklin	S. S. Littlefield	500 00			8 00
Rome		435 00			2 83 6 38
Hudson		600 00 470 00			5 00
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Petersburgh	W. G. Stonex	\$476 (00	\$476	00		3 00
Bedford	J. W. Holt			325	00	125 00	
Monroe	J. H. Burnham						6 25
Detroit River Miss	B. L. Desnetter	210.0	-:				2 01
Dundee	John Wesley	310 (574 (3 01 6 20
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Owosso District	1	600 (523			
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Corunna		375		244		131 00	
Middlebury		350	1	250			
Perry	J. Kilpatrick	450		405			
Byron & Newburg	Jas. Armstrong	500	00	400	00		
Oak Grove	F. Brittan	400		275		225 00	2 4
Linden		375		375		100 00	
Fentonville		470 400		274 256		196 00	
Hartland	O. H. P. Green J. H. Curnalia	200		128		144 00 72 00	
Howell		525		525			3 0
Fowlerville	J. H. Caster	470		375			
Ingham	E. B. Prindle						
Williamston	J. T. Hankinson	312	-	253			
New Haven		200		148			
Chessening		425		275			
	. Total	\$6852	00			\$1571 00	\$21 7
FLINT DISTRICT	J. S. Smart, P. E	800	- 1	700		100 00	
Flint	T. J. Joslin	685	1	600			
South Flint Flushing	I Crawford	490 (510 (- 1	435 510			$\begin{array}{c} 9 \ 0 \\ 2 \ 0 \end{array}$
Genesee		385	- 1	385			2 0
East Saginaw		600 (1	500		100 00	1
Saginaw City	A. Edwards, Jr	425 (00	425			
Midland		400		202			
Bay City		450		325	3.0		
Tuscola and } Watrousville }	J. U. Dancroit	500 180	- 1	458 165			
Forest		500	- 1	415			
Hadley	W. Mothersill	440		440		00 00	
Goodrich		420	00				3 3
Clarkston		450	00	318	00		
	M. S. Leet	250	1	130			
Holley	J. W. Crippen	400		400			4 0
Grand Blanc		550		550			2 3
	Total	\$8435	00	\$7288	00	\$1147 00	\$36 3
Romeo District	S. Calkins, P. E	500		500			
Romeo	W. Mahon	600	1				
Mt. Clemens	A. Allen	460		285			1 0
Utica		500		397			
Stony Creek Washington	E. Steele	380 424	_	224 325			
Oakland	J. R. Noble	410	1				
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Lapeer	W. M. Hevener	500	00	50 0	00		
Lathropville North Branch	L. S. Tedman	330	00	195	00	135 00	
Almont	A. Minnis	500		500			5 00
Dryden	A. Gee	380	00	258			
Armada	J. Dobbins	387	1	240			
Chesterfield	S. E. Warren D. W. Hammond	370	- 1	305 100			
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St. Clair	S. P. Warner	600		500		100 00	
Newport	R. S. Pardington.	300	00	300	00		5 00
Algonac	O. Sanborn	456	1	456		*******	8 50
Columbus	G. W. Owen A. E. Ketchum	400	UU	325	00	75 00	2 00 1 25
Memphis	I. H. Camburn	420	00	307	00	113 00	
Brockway	W. J. Johnston	275		114			
Ruby	J. G. Kern	400		400			7 46
Lakeport	W. Tuttle T. G. Potter	450		250			
Lexington	Wm. J. Clack	546 300	-	225 191			
P. Sapitac & Forester	J. R. Cori'en	300					1
Forestville	Thos. Nichols						
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Iroquois Point and Sugar Island	P. Marksman	400	00	400	00		
Marquette	W. Fox	680	00	500	00	180 00	
Kewawenon	S. P. Murch						
Houghton	Wm. Brown	744		744	00	1	1
Copper Harbor	E. Klumph	500	00	500	00		
Ontonag'n & M Grove	L. C. York	600					
Minnesota Mines	H. O. Parker	700					7 50
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Note.—The stewards find in their hands \$18.84, more than is credited in the table. They presume some charge, through mistake, is not credited as it should have been. They have, however, applied the money as it was no doubt designed.

STEWARDS.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT'S FUND.

Stewards' Estimate for Conferen	nce	Clai	mant	s,	-	-	\$1,500 00
Apportioned as follows:							
Detroit District, -	-		-	•		\$325 00	
Ann Arbor District, -		-		-	-	325 00	
Adrian District, -	-		-	-		325 00	-
Owosso District,		-		-	-	75 00	
Flint District, -			-	-		125 00	
Romeo District, -		-		-		175 00	
Port Huron District,	-		-	-		100 00	
Lake Superior District,		-		_	-	50 00	
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R. R. RICHARDS, Chairman.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Board of Conference Stewards be requested to estimate the amount necessary to meet the claims of Conference claimants, and apportion it among the several districts.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to present the amount to the Board of District Stewards, to be by them apportioned to the several charges, and that they notify the pasters of the amounts apportioned to their respective charges.

F. A. BLADES, f. C. GARDNER.

PREACHER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

CONFERENCE ACTION.

Whereas, There is a great deficiency in the support of the superannuated preachers, widows, and orphan children through the ordinary channels; and

Whereas, There has been a wish expressed, by many of our friends, to contribute for that purpose, by donations, legacies, and otherwise; therefore Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, for the purpose of organizing a corporation, under the laws of the State of Michigan, to hold in trust such property as may be given by donation, bequest, or otherwise, for such purpose and under such regulations as they may see fit to adopt not inconsistent with the object of organization.

REVS. GEO. SMITH, SAMUEL CLEMENTS, JR., ELIJAH H. PILCHER, M. HICKEY, and S. REED were appointed as such committee.

VII. General Statistics.

STATISTICS OF DETROIT CONFERENCE FOR 1861.

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STATISTICS OF DETROIT CONFERENCE FOR 1861-Continued.

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DAVID A. CURTIS, J. W. CRIPPEN, S. L. RAMSDELL,

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the presiding elders be requested to furnish their preachers with blanks for their statistics, the preachers to fill them out at home, and present them, or cause them to be presented, to the appropriate committees, by the second day of the next session of the Conference.

VIII. Miscellaneous.

Report on the State of the Country.

The American people have received from God, through the wisdom, patriotism and religion of their forefathers, the richest inheritance of civil and religious freedom ever bequeathed to any nation in ancient or modern time. They find in their institutions of government and religion—the great conservator of the public peace—the order, the happiness of society-every possible reason for cherishing an honest and manly pride of ancestry, and, also, every possible incentive to the maintenance of national credit, virtue, and integrity. The territory allotted them in the arrangement of Providence, for the development of national life and power is, perhaps, the finest that could be traced out on the surface of the globe, and is signally designated by nature herself as the theatre of the evolutions of only one general government. Two separate nationalities are forbidden by the imprescriptible laws of nature to co-exist in this fair land. It is with the deepest sorrow, therefore, that every true citizen and patriot contemplates the parricidal attempt made to uproot the institutions, to destroy the government, and to annihilate the existence of the nation. When we review the history of the government in its most beneficent relations to the States and Territories, to the industry. to the prosperity, to the constitutional rights, to the entire well-being of the whole people, and then trace the rise and progress of the real causes of the present rebellion, we see how naturally that sorrow should pass into indignation, and indignation again into the stern military resolves and measures of a patriotism intensified by the holiest remembrance of our revolutionary struggle, and by all the hallowed sentiments of that pure christian faith which anchors a nation's trust in God.

There has been only one prime disturbing element among all the forces of our national life. The ordinary questions relating to material interests that divide men into political parties, have never, of themselves, been able to weaken the attachment of the people to the government, or to organize treason into anything like a well concerted attack upon the peace of the country. All history shows that in modern civilization every event of this character takes its rise in the deeper questions of the rights of man, and the rights of conscience,

and the teachings of religion. Anything operating in national life to the violation of these rights, and the subversion of these teachings, must inevitably, by the very laws of existence, in process of time, violently agitate a nation's life and government.

Such is the true character of the prime element of disturbance, that from the beginning has operated, directly or indirectly, to the disgrace and injury of our beloved country. The slave power in the United States has ever been antagonistic to the rights of man, to the rights of conscience, to the teachings of religion. Those rights it has violated in every way in which violation can be practiced; those teachings it has subverted by every process that can turn the truth of God into a lie. The ingenuity that could devise any method untried by the minions of slavery, of torturing the utterances of our adorable christianity into its support, is fairly beyond the depth of the human mind. When this power was restrained within its original usurped domain, it did not distract the councils of the nation. When it sought enlargment into free virgin territory, it awoke the conscience and shook the passions of the people. When it accepted territorial compromise, uniting in a solemn compact that was to remain intact forever, it gathered up its resources, strengthened its fortifications, shaped its measures for controlling the general government, and, succeeding in that, it poisoned the fountain of national legislation, corrupted the supreme judiciary of a free people, annihilated its own positive enactment to abide within its prescribed boundaries, and then boldly struck for its very enthronement in the nation's existence. In Hebrew phraseology, it enlarged its mouth like hell to swallow up our whole inheritance of freedom. When Divine Providence, stirring in the hearts of the people, breaking in picces party organizations, thwarting the plans of cunning men, checked its terrific advance and overwhelmed its columns, then like its original predecessors in rebellion against God, it precipitated all its force into open warfare on the principle on which cvil itself can only act,-" better reign in hell than serve in heaven." Here is the origin, here is the deep, the unalterable significance of the great civil struggle, in which, as a people, we are now engaged. Thank God, the people are equal to the contest. Discarding all partyisms, they are pouring out their treasures and their life freely, showing themselves worthy of their renowned revolutionary sires.

The war is now waged on the part of freemen for the maintenance of the government, for the support of constitutional liberty in the new world, for all the rights of humanity, for all the interests of christianity in its civil and social relations, for all the rights of God as they are represented in law and order and justice, and for the perpetuity of all those institutions that for eighty-five years have adorned our nationality with every attribute of excellence, and made it a power among the nations of the earth. As christian ministers, loving our country for God and Christ's sake, saluting the stars and stripes as next in our prayers and affections to the very cross of the Redeemer, we hereby pledge to the government all the reverence and love and duty and support that a loyal christian citizen can render, and if it need be, our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor.

We submit for adoption the resolutions following:

Resolved, That the rebellion now waged against the government, is not only without just cause and therefore wicked, but is characterized in its commencement and workings by every species of aggravation that can provoke the indignation of man and just abhorence of God.

Resolved, That we will inculcate in our ministrations all the sentiments of a high toned christian patriotism, and the highest regard for civil government as a divine institution, and will urge our people, by every consideration of truth and righteousness, to a firm and cheerful support of the government of their fathers.

Resolved, That as the forces of humanity and religion are in happy combination in the support of the government, we rejoice in the discipline now maintained in the army, in the discouragments exerted by those high in authority, especially against the use of intoxicating drinks, and in the general order of the Commanding Officer on the Potomac enforcing the proper observance of the Sabbath by all under his command.

Resolved, That we affectionately exhort our beloved brethren in the ministry, who are now laboring as Chaplains in the army to all possible fidelity and diligence, that the influence of our holy religion may strengthen the strong, may soothe the wounded and suffering, and support the dying soldier far away from home and kindred, and that we will remember them in our prayers, especially our brethren from this Conference, and will hold them and their families in daily christian remembrance.

Resolved, That the act of rebellion is a forfeiture to all the rights of citizenship, and that the confiscation of the property of those waging war against the government ought to sweep every species of property alike, and that there is neither justice nor humanity in leaving the rebel in possession of his slaves, while we despoil him of all his other possessions.

Resolved, That we cordially indorse the proclamation of Major General Fremont, declaring the slaves of those in rebellion against the government free, as befiting alike a just policy, and as subversive of no constitutional rights that can be claimed by those who are seeking to destroy the very constitution of the nation.

Resolved, That as slavery is the real cause, and that liberty or slavery the real issue of the contest, we are in favor of the humane but vigorous prosecution of the war until the irrepressible conflict between the two is finally settled in the utter overthrow of rebellion, in the utter destruction of treason, with its twin monster secession, and in God's own good time, in the utter abolition of American slavery.

T. C. GARDNER,
J. A. BAUGHMAN,
F. A. BLADES,
WILLIAM MOTHERSILL.

Report on the Bible Cause.

An enterprise so important and invaluable as the publication and dissemination of the Word of God needs no labored argument to enlist the *sympathies* of a *living church*. The American Bible Society has gained for itself an efficiency worthy of esteem. It is an instrument, under God, of penetrating the benighted mind, and causing the blighting influence of Atheism to recede.

It also affords us much pleasure in stating its efficiency during the past year, although somewhat crippled by the financial embarrassment of the present crisis. The receipts of the parent society, in connection with her auxiliaries, amount, during the year ending the 31st of March, 1861, to \$389,551.52. Its disbursements during the same year amount to \$721,869. During the same period it has distributed gratuitously books amounting to \$41,967.99, which have gone to supply the destitute with the benign and saving influence of the Gospel. During the same year there have been sixty-five new auxiliaries recognized. Under the efficient and zealous labors of our worthy agent, the contributions to the society from this State during the year ending March 31st, 1861, exceed those of any former year from this field.

We therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the American Bible Society deserves the sympathy and hearty patronage of all Christian people, and we gladly commend this worthy cause and its agents to all our churches and congregations.

Resolved, That we will co-operate, as ministers, with the agent, in his good work, and will preach on the subject and take up the annual collection for the cause when he cannot visit our charges to do it in person.

A. MINNIS, I. CRAWFORD, O. SANBORN.

Report on Periodicals.

Your Committee on Periodicals respectfully report that, in their judgment, the periodical literature of the church is in a healthy condition. It cannot be concealed, however, that the coming year will try the material interests of our publishing institutions. It can scarcely be expected that the general prostration of publishing interests shall not affect our own adversely. We therefore suggest the importance of renewed and vigorous efforts in their behalf.

We have seen with much pleasure the patriotic stand of our church journals in our national crisis. Methodism is always loyal, and, while our periodicals teach a sound theology, they are not faithless to sound patriotism. We heartily approve their firm stand, and trust they will maintain it unflinchingly. We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, from its location, the North-Western Christian Advocate is the paper of the North-West, and shall have our hearty support and co-operation.

Resolved, That its enlargement and change of form meet our approval, and we are glad to learn that the change has been followed by so large an increase of subscribers.

Resolved, That we will render the Christian Advocate and Journal all the help we can, consistently with our obligations to our own paper.

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the Quarterly Review, and urge its patronage and study upon our minsters and people.

Resolved, That we approve and welcome the Ladies' Repository, and urge its claims upon all our families.

Resolved, That we consider the Sabbath School Teachers' Journal, published at New York, a most valuable periodical, well calculated to promote the interests of Sabbath Schools among us in every respect, and we will endeavor to extend its circulation in all our charges, so as to at least supply each teacher with a copy.

Resolved, That whereas, it is the policy of this Conference to discountenance the services of irregular and unemployed ministers among our congregations, we will steadfastly discourage the circulation of hostile papers among our families.

WM. BENSON, JR., Chairman.

Report on Temperance.

Believing, as we do, that the daily use of ardent spirits as a beverage is not only useless to persons in health, but tends to drunkenness and poverty; that it is a prolific source of crime, disease and wretchedness in this life, and finally destroys soul and body in perdition; therefore,

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to discourage the use and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, to reclaim the inebriate and encourage him in the path of sobriety.

Resolved, That we approve of the liquor law of this State, and will encourage its enforcement.

Resolved, That we inderse the State Temperance Alliance, and that we will co-operate with it in the promotion of this noble cause.

Resolved, That the position taken by our government upon the subject of temperance is highly commendable, and meets our hearty approval.

J. F. DAVIDSON, L. H. DEAN.

Report on the Tract Cause.

Whereas, We are required to do good of every possible sort, and as far as possible to all men: And Whereas, the circulation of religious tracts among the people is a powerful means of doing good, in enlightening the mind convincing of sin, and leading men to Christ for salvation. And Whereas, we are informed by the corresponding secretary of the tract society of the M. E. Church, that tracts and the "Good News" can be obtained on application to the committees at New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and Boston, and, it being understood, that preference will be given to those applications which come from the churches which give collections in aid of the tract cause; therefore,

Resolved 1st. That our manifest want of interest in this cause, is not attributable to any want of confidence in this means of doing good, but to our earelessness and neglect.

Resolved 2d. That we will endeavor to do more in the future, than we have done in the past, to sustain this glorious enterprise, and increase its power and usefulness in the world.

Resolved 3d. That we will take collections for the benefit of the Tract Cause, on our respective charges, wherever it is deemed practicable.

E. STEELE, Chairman.

Report on Parsonages.

Of the one hundred and forty charges in this Conference, but eighty-one are supplied with parsonages. This destitution is a source of great embarrassment to both ministers and people. It is an embarrassment, we believe, our people are both able and willing to-

remove, if stimulated by those who ought to be leaders in every good work. Let us therefore unite in a solemn pledge with each other, while we

Resolve. That we will labor to induce our people to erect suitable houses for their ministers on all our charges, and as far as practicable, to furnish them with all needed heavy furniture, and thus save great expense and loss in removing from place to place.

C. MOSHER, Chairman.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we request the presiding elders to report the state of their respective districts at our next session, in writing, that the reports may be filed away with the papers of the Conference.

Resolved, That the vote ordered by the General Conference, relating to lay delegation, be taken by all the pastors of this Conference, during the month of May, 1862.

Resolved, That all the pastors report to this Conference, at its next session, the number of male members, in their respective charges, over twenty-one years of age.

Resolved, That the missionary collections be taken, throughout the Conference, during the first quarter of the calendar year.

Delegates to Ecclesiastical Bedies.

Synod of Michigan, T. C. Gardner. Alternate, S. Clements, Jr. Congregational Association, John Russell. Alternate, J. M. Arnold. Baptist State Convention, B. Cocker. Alternate, J. H. Burnham.

IX. Legal Forms.

For Appointing Trustees.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, Sss.

This Certifies, That I, A— B—, preacher in charge of R— circuit, have this — day of —, A. D. 186—, appointed C— D—, E— F—, G— H—, I— J—, K— L—, trustees of the society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in S— in the said county of ——, in the State of Michigan. The said corporation shall be described and known as the "U— V— of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Done according to the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the statute in such case made and provided.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of M-N-O-P- A-B-[SEAL.]

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
COUNTY OF SS

This — day of September, 186—, personally appeared before me, — a Justice of the Peace, the above named A—B—, known to me as the person executing the above instrument, and acknowledged that he did the same freely, for the purposes therein specified.

R— S—

Justice of the Peace.

For Filling Vacancies in Boards of Trustees.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
COUNTY OF _____

This Certifies, That a meeting of the Board of Trustees of "U—V—, of the Metbodist Episcopal Church," held —— 186—, F—W— and S—P— were duly elected trustees of said corporation, to fill the vacancy in said board, occasioned by the resignation of E—F— and G—H—. Done according to the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the statute in such case made and provided.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF Ss.

On this — day of —, 186—, personally appeared before me the above named O— R—, A— B— and D— P—, known to me as the persons executing the above instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same freely, and that they respectively hold the office affixed to their names.

T— C—
Notary Public of the County of——

The foregoing certificates must be signed, sealed, and acknowledged before some one authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds, and recorded in the county clerk's office, before the appointment becomes legal. It is the same with the certificate to fill vacancies, as in the original appointment.

E. H. PILCHER.

CONFERENCE RULES OF QRDER.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M. but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journals of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, but, in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken with-

out debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing if the President, Secretary, or any other member request it.

6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented, is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or amendment.

7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz.: Indefinite postponement; laying on the table; reference to a committee; postponement to any given time, or amendment.

8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities, or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

9. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself

to the President.

10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move a reconsideration.

12. No member shall absent himself from the services of Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

- 13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by leave of Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.
- 14. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.
 - 15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.
- 16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of Conference, and, when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall take charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference except with the consent of the Conference, and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.
- 17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.
- 18. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of this Conference until he has first given him information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so that the accused may have an opportunity for defense.
- 19. When any brother intends to object to the passage of another's character, it shall be his duty to hand the name of the person against whom objections are to be made, to the President of the Conference, who shall pass the name by, to be investigated in secret session, at such time as the Conference may direct.

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